

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A refrigerator and a control method thereof in which a smooth flow of a refrigerant can be provided through an effective control for a path change valve when a flow path of the refrigerant is changed between two evaporators equipped in the refrigerator by the path change valve. The refrigerator includes a refrigerating compartment evaporator, a freezing compartment evaporator, a first expansion device adapted to expand a flow of a refrigerant to be introduced into the refrigerating compartment evaporator, a second expansion device adapted to expand a flow of the refrigerant to be introduced into the freezing compartment evaporator, a path change device adapted to change a flow path of the refrigerant between the first expansion device and the second expansion device, and a control unit adapted to control the path change device so that, when the refrigerant flow path is changed from the second expansion device to the first expansion device, a simultaneous opening stage causing the refrigerant to be introduced into both the first expansion device and the second expansion device is maintained for a predetermined time.